

REMARKS

This application contains claims 1-60. Claim 41 is hereby amended. No new matter has been added. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

The specification was objected to because the title was considered not to be descriptive of the claimed invention. Applicant has therefore amended the title to reflect more specifically the subject matter of the claims.

Claims 41-60 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 for not being limited to tangible embodiments. Although Applicant believes that a "computer-readable medium in which program instructions are stored" is inherently tangible, Applicant has amended claim 41 to include this feature explicitly. Therefore, claim 41 is believed to meet the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 101, as are claims 42-60, which depend from claim 41.

Applicant believes the amendments and remarks presented hereinabove to be fully responsive to all of the grounds of rejection raised by the Examiner. In view of these amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that all of the claims in the present application are in order for allowance. Notice to this effect is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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